From: Frye, Ivy J (GOV) [ivy.frye@alaska.gov]

Sent: Wednesday, June 13, 2007 5:56 PM

To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com; Tibbles; Michael A (GOV)

Subject: Mat-Maid Update

Governor and Mike,

I have letters of removal drafted and in my in box when and if you decide to send them out. Also, I completed some checks on current members and potential members. I'll hold off on anything until I hear from either of you. Thanks

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Office (907) 465-3934
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From:

gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Sent:

Wednesday, June 13, 2007 4:00 PM

To: Subject: Meghan N Stapleton; Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Balash; Joseph R (GOV)

Re: LATEST VERSION - TOO MUCH?

Very good

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From: Meghan Stapleton <meghan_stapleton@gov.state.ak.us>

Date: Wed, 13 Jun 2007 15:58:46

To:'Meghan Stapleton' <meghan_stapleton@gov.state.ak.us>,'Sarah Palin' <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>,'Michael A Tibbles' <mike_tibbles@gov.state.ak.us>, joe_balash@gov.state.ak.us

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Subject: NEED TO GET COMMENT OUT NOW...

Mat Maid board to Palin: No

By S.J. KOMARNITSKY Anchorage Daily News

Published: June 13, 2007

Last Modified: June 13, 2007 at 04:07 PM

The Matanuska Maid dairy is still on track to shut down early next month despite pleas and \$600,000 in already-promised state money from Gov. Sarah Palin.

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In doing so, board members rejected a request from Palin to use a pending \$600,000 appropriation to keep it open.

Board members cited rising expenses, competition from Lower 48 brands and an economic model that simply didn't support staying in business.

"We are being fiduciarily responsible to the state of Alaska and the people of Alaska by doing what we are doing... Nobody wants to be here and make this decision, least of all me," chairman Mac Carter said in an emotional speech after the decision.

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The board did agree, however, to send cost estimates to the governor of how much it would cost to keep the dairy open and a list of factors that could affect those estimates.

Alaska farmers said the closure will leave them with no place to sell most of their milk and may force them to kill their herds. Matanuska Maid is the largest buyer of milk in the state.

"What am I going to do? said a clearly distraught Craig Trytten, who with his wife,

Vicki, and children run a dairy farm at Point MacKenzie. "Am I going to quit milking cows? Just shut the switch off and hear them scream and scream? Where's the electricity going to come from to milk them?"

Gov. Palin could not immediately be reached for comment. But in a letter to the board Tuesday, she criticized its short notice to farmers about the closure and asked that they use a \$600,000 state grant to keep the dairy open by running a scaled-down operation that would use only local milk.

Board members, however, said Palin's plan was not feasible. Mat Maid currently imports most of its milk, and local farmers do not produce enough to make it worth operating the plant, Carter said.

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Matanuska Maid CEO Joe Van Treeck said after the meeting the dairy has set July 3 as its last day to pick up milk from farmers.

Reporter S.J. Komoranitsky can be reached at sjkomarnitsky@adn.com

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Sent: Wednesday, June 13, 2007 4:03 PM

To: Meghan N Stapleton; Meghan N Stapleton; Sarah Palin; Tibbies; Michael A (GOV)

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To:

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Cc:

Meghan N Stapleton; Kristina Y Perry

Subject:

RE: Mat Maid

7 members--

1 with general business or financial experience

1 member of a statewide agricultural promotion organization

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4 members engaged in commercial ag production, each representing a different enterprise (ie: livestock, dairy, vegetable, grain, horticulture, etc)

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Date: Wed, 13 Jun 20	07 12:19:34
To:gov.sarah@yahoo.c	om
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From: gov.sarah@yahoo	o.com [mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com]

Sent: Wednesday, June 13, 2007 11:38 AM

To: Frye, Ivy J (GOV)
Subject: Confidential

Hi iv- the names I'll be asking you about need to be kept in confidence but I'm wondering if Privileged or P is in Vic's district and what registration.

From:

Sent:

gov.sarah@yahoo.com Wednesday, June 13, 2007 2:48 PM Frye; Ivy J (GOV)

To:

Subject:

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Anything yet on Privile?

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Richard's work number is 269-5156.

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Tried both their cells, did not lv msgs again but neither were answered. Didn't try either one at home as it's a workday and I assume they wouldn"t be home. Guess I'll try the numbers here in this email again later.

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To: Cc: Smith; Lynne M (GOV) Tibbles; Michael A (GOV)

Subject:

Re: Educ

Thank you!

----Original Message----

From: "Smith, Lynne M (GOV)" <lynne.smith@alaska.qov>

Date: Wed, 13 Jun 2007 08:50:48

To:gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Cc: "Tibbles, Michael A (GOV) " <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>

Subject: RE: Educ

Good morning,

The Board of Ed chose to have a nationwide search. They had one the last time the commissioner's position needed to be filled as well.

The commissioner's office sent me the timeline which I will forward to you in a separate email. Right now, they are looking at having face to face interviews with the finalists on July 30, at which point they will have a meeting with you to meet and approve their candidate. This appointment does not need legislative confirmation.

If there are people that you want to have considered, please have them submit their applications to the Board.

Lynne

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com [mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com]

Sent: Wednesday, June 13, 2007 6:28 AM

To: Smith, Lynne M (GOV)

Subject: Fw: Educ

Hi L!

Any info on their choosing of Roger's replacement? Pls see below.

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Date: Wed, 13 Jun 2007 14:26:52

To: "Frank Bailey" <ftb907@yahoo.com>, "gbiegel@ak.net" <gbiegel@ak.net>

Cc: "Kristina Y Perry" <kris_perry@gov.state.ak.us>, "Todd Palin"

<fek9wnr@yahoo.com>

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Hi guys!

Thank you both for great bites of input on educ commissioner.

Remember the Ed Bd picks and forwards name(s) to me for selection, then on to the legislature for confirmation.

We need innovation in that seat. Both your names brought forward are great. Not sure why Ed Bd thinks it needs a nationwide search, which I heard recently. I'll ask Lynne Smith to check the status on that and ask what my input is worth in terms of their method of soliciting names.

Thank you guys. You're awesome. Keep up the great work - I miss (six months later) our ol' rag-tag team of hardcore workerbees. Maybe the crew can get together for a shin dig soon? I know Kris and Todd miss the campaign folks too. Six months zipped by - I'd love for us all together. Don Benson, Mark Fish, Perdews, Mary, etc, all of us!

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Date: Wed, 13 Jun 2007 21:04:18

To: "Tom Irwin" <tom_irwin@dnr.state.ak.us>, "Martha K Rutherford" <marty_rutherford@dnr.state.ak.us>, "John Katz" <jwkatz@alaskadc.org>, "Larry A Persily" <lpersily@alaskadc.org>, "Michael A Tibbles" <mike_tibbles@gov.state.ak.us>, "John W Bitney" <john_bitney@gov.state.ak.us>

Cc:"Meghan N Stapleton" <meghan_stapleton@gov.state.ak.us>,"Kristina Y Perry"
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Sent:

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Perez, Linda J (GOV) [linda.perez@alaska.gov]

Sent:

Wednesday, June 13, 2007 12:43 PM

To:

gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Cc:

Cayce; Sunny C (GOV); Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)

Subject:

RE: Credit card

Thank you Governor - we "suspense" state card charges made while someone is in travel status and reconcile the charges when we process travel authorization close outs. I'll need Kris to email me with credit card charges that do not coincide with her travel.

Hope you're having a good day!

Linda

----Original Message----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com [mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com]

Sent: Wednesday, June 13, 2007 11:24 AM

To: Perez, Linda J (GOV)

Cc: Cayce, Sunny C (GOV)

Subject: Re: Credit card

Hi Linda:

I used my credit card for coffee while in either the South Dakota or Minneapolis airport yest. It was my only use of the card - if you need this kind of info for records?

Thanks,

Sarah Palin

----Original Message----

From: "Perez, Linda J (GOV)" linda.perez@alaska.gov>

Date: Wed, 13 Jun 2007 11:05:08

To: "Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>

Cc: "Cayce, Sunny C (GOV) " <sunny.cayce@alaska.gov>, gov.sarah@yahoo.com, "Tibbles, Michael A (GOV) " <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>, "Henderson, Shawn (GOV) " <shawn.henderson@alaska.gov>, "Davis, Steven S (GOV) " <steve.davis@alaska.gov>, "Peacock, Sara J (GOV) " <sara.peacock@alaska.gov>, "Fenumiai, Gail M (GOV) " <gail.fenumiai@alaska.gov>

Subject: RE: Credit card

Hi Kris,

Your travel credit card has been "unrestricted". Please use that card for your purchasing needs. As I mentioned on the phone this morning, please send an email when you use the card for purchases other than transportation or lodging. We need to clear charges each day in the accounting system and need a purpose for the charge.

Also, please remember to email me as soon as possible regarding any purchase (other than transportation/lodging that been prior approved via a TA) that exceeds \$500.00. I will need to approve your purchases in some instances, and Shawn or Steve will need to get the appropriate state purchasing documents prepared and distributed.

Thanks

Linda

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From: Cayce, Sunny C (GOV)

Sent: Wednesday, June 13, 2007 8:55 AM

To: Perez, Linda J (GOV)

Subject: FW: Credit card

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From: Cayce, Sunny C (GOV)

Sent: Wednesday, June 13, 2007 8:34 AM

To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'

Subject: RE: Credit card

Hi Linda,

I left you a voice message too. I would like to understand the process of how this is done, can you tell me what the correct procedures are and what the timeline for getting it done is? Thank you!

----Original Message----

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Sent: Wednesday, June 13, 2007 7:53 AM

To: Cayce, Sunny C (GOV)

Cc: Kristina Y Perry; Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)

Subject: Credit card

Sunny- would you work with Linda Perez to get Kris Perry a state credit card - Kris continues to have to purchase things without one and the sooner the better on this. Thanks so much!

From: Sent: Frye, tvy J (GOV) [ivy.frye@alaska.gov] Wednesday, June 13, 2007 12:20 PM

To:

gov sarah@yahoo.com

Subject:

RE: Confidential

I found two addresses for Privileged or Personal Material Redacted
Privileged or Personal Material Redacted

This info is from Div of Elections website, and cross checked with map quest, I'll discretely investigate to double check my answers.

Registered "U"

I've attached the entire District 14 list again so you can view from your home computer.

Kept in the utmost confidence.

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Sent: Wednesday, June 13, 2007 11:38 AM

To: Frye, Ivy J (GOV)
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From:

Tibbles, Michael A (GOV) [mike.tibbles@alaska.gov]

Sent:

Wednesday, June 13, 2007 12:19 PM

To:

gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Subject:

RE: Sean at cabinet/budget mtg?

The strangest thing happened to my email yesterday. I replied three different times and they all came back to me. In case they still have not made it through, Sean will be attending the cabinet meeting Friday.

Mike

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com [mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com]

Sent: Tuesday, June 12, 2007 6:36 PM

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Subject:

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----Original Message----

From: "Frye, Ivy J (GOV) " <ivy.frye@alaska.gov>

Date: Wed, 13 Jun 2007 08:49:58

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From:

Smith, Lynne M (GOV) [lynne.smith@alaska.gov] Wednesday, June 13, 2007 8:51 AM

Sent:

To: Cc: gov.sarah@yahoo.com Tibbles; Michael A (GOV)

Subject:

FW: Commissioner search timeline

----Original Message----

From: Knuth, Dorothy K (EED)

Sent: Wednesday, June 13, 2007 8:42 AM

To: Smith, Lynne M (GOV)

Cc: Roger L Sampson; Thompson, Barbara A (EED); Fry, Eric V (EED)

Subject: Commissioner search timeline

Lynn~

Here is the timeline for the board's search. The first ads will be sent today. Once it has been finalized, I will see that a copy is forwarded to you as well. It will appear on our web site also. After the department has determined the applicants qualify, the governor will absolutely be given an opportunity to review the names to make sure that there isn't an applicant who would not fit well with her administration. We will keep the governor informed throughout the process.

If you have any other questions, please feel free to contact me.

Dottie

From:

Smith, Lynne M (GOV) [lynne.smith@alaska.gov] Wednesday, June 13, 2007 8:51 AM

Sent:

To: Cc: gov.sarah@yahoo.com Tibbles; Michael A (GOV)

Subject:

RE: Educ

Good morning,

The Board of Ed chose to have a nationwide search. They had one the last time the commissioner's position needed to be filled as well.

The commissioner's office sent me the timeline which I will forward to you in a separate email. Right now, they are looking at having face to face interviews with the finalists on July 30, at which point they will have a meeting with you to meet and approve their candidate. This appointment does not need legislative confirmation.

If there are people that you want to have considered, please have them submit their applications to the Board.

Lynne

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Sent: Wednesday, June 13, 2007 6:28 AM

To: Smith, Lynne M (GOV)

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Any info on their choosing of Roger's replacement? Pls see below.

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To: Subject:

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Sent:

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To:

gbiegel@ak.net; Kristina Y Perry; Todd Palin

Subject:

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Right on!

And good, now you have my new yahoo addy. The spalin one isn't checked often - only when Todd's in Wasilla it seems.

We'll let you know when the war room crew shin-dig will take place.

Thanks! And God bless you too.

----Original Message----

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To:gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Cc:Kristina Y Perry <kris_perry@gov.state.ak.us>, Todd Palin <fek9wnr@yahoo.com>

Subject: Re: Educ

Nothing would please me more. Name the time and I'll be there.

Great to hear from you.

God Bless you,

Glen

----Original Message----

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Subject:

Matmaid

Pls read Prof Oliver Hedgepath's ADN opinion piece today re; MM.

It's in the Valley section.

Privileged or Personal Material Redacted - these are some of the good minds and great Alaskans who could provide the new energy and ideas we need in Ag. They could help with the \$600 MatMaid plan. They should be the replacement board members for BAC and Creamery, and can help us out tremendously.

I'm ready to go on the replacement idea - haven't contacted these folks yet re their willingness to serve (and there's at least one of them in that group that should be the new Director of Division of Ag), but I know them all, trust them, and would love to work with them. Mike - are we ready to go on replacements?

I'll ask Ivy to be ready for the green light soon - but know that I haven't requested their service yet Ivy. Thanks:

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Thank you guys. You're awesome. Keep up the great work - I miss (six months later) our ol' rag-tag team of hardcore workerbees. Maybe the crew can get together for a shin dig soon? I know Kris and Todd miss the campaign folks too. Six months zipped by - I'd love for us all together. Don Benson, Mark Fish, Perdews, Mary, etc, all of us!

From:

Sent:

To:

gov.sarah@yahoo.com Wednesday, June 13, 2007 5:41 AM Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Frye; Ivy J (GOV) Judges

Subject:

I'll call both judges this morning - thanks!

From: Meghan Stapleton [meghan_stapleton@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Wednesday, June 13, 2007 6:01 PM

To: 'Sarah Palin'; 'Michael A Tibbles'; joe_balash@gov.state.ak.us

Cc: 'Kris Perry'; 'Sharon Leighow'; 'Meghan Stapleton'

Subject: FW: summary of Creamery Corp board meeting 06132007

Meeting Summary, Creamery Corporation Board of Directors 6/13/07, Westmark Hotel

After waiting about an hour for a quorum to arrive, Chairman Mac Carter opened the meting up for public comment.

Barbara Huff of the Teamsters Local 959 spoke on behalf of the dairy's Teamster drivers, expressing concern they'd not been a party to discussion about the closure, and a desire to work with the dairy and/or governor about the collective bargaining issues involved, but that in the absence of consultation, some legal action might become necessary to protect the drivers' interests.

Craig Trytten, a dairy farmer, spoke on behalf of himself and other dairy farmers, saying he hoped the Creamery Corporation directors would resign and throw the issue to the Palin Administration. He also said it would be difficult for his farm to transition to selling milk to the possible Rob Wells Palmer dairy when it might start operating at the end of the year; but he added that Wells only needs 71 cows' production, and he has 200 cows in his farm along.

The board entered executive session for the purpose of discussing employee contracts including Joe Van Treek's, to review the dairy's cash on hand and outstanding obligations to vendors and other contractual obligations, and any potential litigation. After returning to open session about 90 minutes later, the board passed two resolutions without objection.

The first motion called for the Creamery Corporation to authorize the Executive Committee to negotiate, and either accept or reject VanTreek's resignation; and to review the terms of continuing employment should the closure date be extended.

The second motion was to respond to the governor's June 6, 2007 letter by providing monthly cost estimates based on the lowest cost to continue operation, and a list of factors that may affect the costs of such operations, including possible erosion of product quality, loss of sales, the refusal of suppliers and buyers to accept the changes, a loss of employees, and other issues, as laid out by Creamery Corporation staff.

Rhonda Boyles spoke briefly, somewhat in response to the governor's 6/21 letter, saying that the 21 days notice of Mat-Maid's closure was based on the Creamery Corporation's fiduciary responsibility – that the most judicious decision they could make was to close down the dairy, with respect. There are a lot of ways to spend the \$600,000, and if the governor wants to consider other possible markets for Alaska-produced milk, the money would provide some time.

Mac Carter gave a brief statement, saying that the Board has considered its effect on all parties, including the dairy, and its workers, and the dairy farmers, and was making an unpopular, but necessary and responsible decision on behalf of the people of Alaska. Unless someone has a golden goose and can produce enough money to solve the problems, he said, he did not see how the dairy could continue operating. He said if the board waited to close the dairy down in

December 2007, and loses up to \$2 million in the process, the board will be lambasted for not closing it in June when losses would be less.

Tom Tanta (sp?) who had been chairman of the Creamery Corporation board 17 years ago spoke on behalf of the dairy's workforce, saying that the \$600,000 should be spent not on more studies, or on political cover, but on direct benefit to the employees who faced imminent unemployment. He praised Van Treek's management of the dairy.

Joe VanTreek then spoke for about 15 minutes, presenting a history of the dairy's challenges and problems. Among his most salient points:

- The state's support of the dairy industry (Point Mackenzie) was a social experiment
- There has been a test of will between what's best for business and what society thinks it wants in terms of an agriculture industry
- Mat Maid's cost for local milk includes \$19.75 per hundredweight (11.5 gallons), plus \$1/hwt quality bonus, plus cost of transportation from farm to plant. That compares with the outside price of milk at \$12.50/hwt.
- Mat Maid paid farmers all it could; dairy farmers also receive benefits in the form of land credits, some wildlife set-asides, and a \$1 million USDA lump sum to help Alaska dairy farmers write down debt, plus \$500,000 state appropriation that meant a \$2/hwt subsidy for Alaska-produced milk
- "Without significant changes in the underpinnings of this industry, there is no future" for the dairy
- He said there has been no state of Alaska support for agriculture, never has been, and without it we had been hurting people by causing them to believe, and to invest their lives and fortunes, in to a dream that was in reality a fallacy.
- The \$600,000 offered by the state is not a solution; it doesn't even get the dairy started. The dairy told the Ad Hoc Agriculture Committee that it would take \$30-40 million, plus a plan, to make the dairy industry work.
- "We don't have the right economic structure. We've got an Edsel, and we're trying to make it into a Supersonic Transport."
- Mat-Maid's business model demands that they sell milk for about \$20/hwt, but it costs \$26/hwt.
- He understands the decision will have dire impact on dairy farmers.
- "It's a sad day. It's a sad day. But without a plan for the future, it's (the shutdown) the only choice left."

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Sent: Wednesday, June 13, 2007 5:18 PM

To: Lefebvre, Richard A (DNR); richard_lefebvre@dnr.state.ak.us

Cc: meghan_stapleton@gov.state.ak.us

Subject: summary of Creamery Corp board meeting 06132007

Dick, Meg -

Here's a summary of what went on at today's board of directors meeting.

Becca Palsha of <u>Channel 2</u>, and the <u>Anchorage Daily News'</u> Stephanie Komarnitsky were there, and both have filed stories on the meeting.

11/10/2009

-Dan

From:

Meghan Stapleton [meghan_stapleton@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent:

Wednesday, June 13, 2007 7:27 PM

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Cc:

Kristina Y Perry; Meghan N Stapleton; Tibbles; Michael A (GOV)

Subject:

CHANNEL 2 PHONE INTERVIEW?

Importance: High

Governor,

As you may have seen in an earlier email, at 6pm, Channel 2 reported its lights out, Mat Maid will close, final decision solidified today by the Creamery Corporation. I told them that's not true – that the Governor has more options. Megan Baldino with Channel 2 would like to report that at 10pm and would like to know if you could place a quick call to her to confirm that it's not necessarily over and that you have options. I have not spoken to them about the options – though many know that you control the BAC and can legally remove the members. Don't know if you want to tie the two together for anyone at this point in time. Megan Baldino's number at her desk is 762-9224. It would be a phone interview. I told her that you may not be available or in cell phone range as you make your way back on the Kenal Peninsula. There is no expectation.

Thanks, Meg

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Sent: Wednesday, June 13, 2007 6:44 PM

To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com; Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Balash; Joseph R (GOV)

Cc: Sharon W Leighow; Meghan N Stapleton

Subject: FW: Some Corrections to the 6pm

FYI only.

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From: Meghan Stapleton [mailto:meghan_stapleton@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Wednesday, June 13, 2007 6:39 PM To: rpalsha@ktuu.com; 'Megan Baldino'

Cc: 'Meghan Stapleton'

Subject: Some Corrections to the 6pm

Hey Rebecca,

I'm sorry to bother you. I know you're having email problems, so I also gave a heads-up to Baldino:

The Creamery Corporation's decision is not final. The Governor still has other options; therefore, the closing was not solidified today.

You did a good job at 5pm stating that the \$600,000 doesn't cover 2 weeks, but then stating that the Governor asked the Legislature for \$600,000 because that's what Mat Maid asked for to continue full operations through the fall. So you really had a good balance of one side versus the other. But the 6pm really only had the Creamery Corporation's side and that's probably because I called with a distracting comment refuting your tag at 5pm. Sorry to confuse matters.

Remember, the Governor's proposal is just to produce the local milk (not import 72% from the Outside) and only produce milk (not cheese and cottage cheese, etc.). So, with the Creamery Corporation's Initial request for \$600,000 for full operations through the fall, you would think based on the Creamery Corporation's numbers, a scaled back version could be sustained for the same time period. It was their number, not ours. So for Van Treeck to say that won't even take us two weeks – why did he ask for that amount? The Governor's solution was also backed by financial numbers passed on to the state late last week that showed local only, milk only could be sustained in Alaska with that \$600,000. So did the Creamery Corporation not provide the state with all the right numbers?

Bottom line: to say that Mat Maid will shut down July 7th is the opinion of the Creamery Corporation and based upon the Creamery Corporation. The Governor will continue to work to find solutions so that the rug is not pulled out from underneath the dairy producers.

Regarding Homeland Security, it appears as though that is another fabrication. The contact is McHugh Pierre at 321-2179. He called us to say that Homeland Security is researching to see if that comment applies to anyone. In the meantime, Homeland Security told us that since the Governor is CEO of the state-owned facility, she should have immediate access.

And since she has federal top secret security clearance, access for the Governor is not an issue, especially at the dairy. To confirm at 11:45am that he was on his way to meet the Governor at noon, and to say that no one else in the state was allowed to let her into the back area, and then to come out tonight and say it was a Homeland Security Issue seems like a few too many excuses – some of which were never even mentioned to the Governor.

Thanks for your time.

These stories are very difficult. Just trying to present the forest and not the trees.

Thanks! Meg

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Sent:

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To:

Talis Colberg

Cc: Subject: Balash; Joseph R (GOV); Tibbles; Michael A (GOV)

Re: Privilege

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From: "Talis Colberg" <Talis.Colberg@law.state.ak.us>

Date: Wed, 13 Jun 2007 17:17:46

To: <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

Cc:<Joe_Balash@gov.state.ak.us>,<Mike_Tibbles@gov.state.ak.us>

Subject: Re: Privileged or

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From: "Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>

Date: Wed, 13 Jun 2007 16:41:49

To:gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Subject: RE: Privileged or

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Bitney; John W (LAA)

Subject:

Re: NEED TO GET COMMENT OUT NOW...

Correction: email should read "...NOT to be yanked out from under anyone..."

----Original Message----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Date: Thu, 14 Jun 2007 00:57:01

To: "Meghan N Stapleton" <meghan_stapleton@gov.state.ak.us>, "Michael A Tibbles" <mike_tibbles@gov.state.ak.us>, "Joseph R Balash" <joe_balash@gov.state.ak.us>

Subject: Re: NEED TO GET COMMENT OUT NOW...

Our comment is the same - that they're the one who asked for the money and we fought for it - there's an inherent promise in that for the affected parties (farmers) we fought for it so it could be planned sensibly - to to be yanked away. It HAS to be a strong statement.

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From: Meghan Stapleton <meghan_stapleton@gov.state.ak.us>

Date: Wed, 13 Jun 2007 16:11:09

To:'Sarah Palin' <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>,'Michael A Tibbles' <mike_tibbles@gov.state.ak.us>, joe_balash@gov.state.ak.us

Cc: 'Meghan Stapleton' <meghan_stapleton@gov.state.ak.us>

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Mat Maid board to Palin: No

By S.J. KOMARNITSKY

Anchorage Daily News

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The Matanuska Maid dairy is still on track to shut down early next month despite pleas and

\$600,000 in already-promised state money from Gov. Sarah Palin.

A creamery board, which oversees the state-owned dairy, met Wednesday in Anchorage and rejected the governor's public request that it keep the dairy open, saying it stands by an earlier decision to close the plant July 7.

In doing so, board members rejected a request from Palin to use a pending \$600,000 appropriation to keep it open.

Board members cited rising expenses, competition from Lower 48 brands and an economic model that simply didn't support staying in business.

"We are being fiduciarily responsible to the state of Alaska and the people of Alaska by doing what we are doing... Nobody wants to be here and make this decision, least of all me," chairman Mac Carter said in an emotional speech after the decision.

Staying in business longer could leave the company more than \$2 million in the red by the end of the year, he said. Closing now means the company will be able to pay its debts, he said.

The board did agree, however, to send cost estimates to the governor of how much it would cost to keep the dairy open and a list of factors that could affect those estimates.

Alaska farmers said the closure will leave them with no place to sell most of their milk and may force them to kill their herds. Matanuska Maid is the largest buyer of milk in the state.

"What am I going to do? said a clearly distraught Craig Trytten, who with his wife, Vicki, and children run a dairy farm at Point MacKenzie. "Am I going to quit milking cows? Just shut the switch off and hear them scream and scream? Where's the electricity going to come from to milk them?"

Gov. Palin could not immediately be reached for comment. But in a letter to the board Tuesday, she criticized its short notice to farmers about the closure and asked that they use a \$600,000 state grant to keep the dairy open by running a scaled-down operation that would use only local milk.

Board members, however, said Palin's plan was not feasible. Mat Maid currently imports most of its milk, and local farmers do not produce enough to make it worth operating the plant, Carter said.

Matanuska Maid was started as a farmer's cooperative in the 1930s. It was taken over by the state after going bankrupt in 1986 and operated profitably for most of the ensuing years until 2005.

Matanuska Maid CEO Joe Van Treeck said after the meeting the dairy has set July 3 as its last day to pick up milk from farmers.

Reporter S.J. Komoranitsky can be reached at sjkomarnitsky@adn.com

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